

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Replace the previously amended paragraph beginning on page 4, line 15 and ending on page 4, line 24, with the following paragraph:

In both embodiments, the fastening device of the invention comprises a retainer ring 1 and a lining collar 2. With reference to Figs. 4a and 4b, they show a vertical cross-section of a fastening device. Although these Figs. 4a and 4b represent the device of Figs. 1 to 3, the general shape of the ring and the collar is the same for the embodiment of Fig. 5. In this case, retainer ring 1 comprises a skirt 10 extending downwards from a radial clamp 16 extending internally to form a snap-on groove 17 provided with a through opening 18 for a distribution device 5 such as a pump or valve having an operating rod 51. Retainer ring 1 can further comprise a sleeve 101 advantageously extending into the extension of skirt 10, upwards from radial clamp 16.